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Response to Reply Brief

This is in response to appellant's reply brief on examiner's answer filed on February 16, 2000.

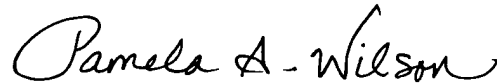
The reply brief filed April 13, 2000 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The amendment filed April 13, 2000 will not be entered because the appellant's presentation of the appealed claims contains errors; namely, claim 39, lines 1-2 includes the

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language of "said fiber mesh of" which was amended from the claim language in appellant's amendment filed on December 28, 1998 (paper #7).

Respectfully submitted,

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